



## PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016 WAI'AU DISTRICT PARK MEETING ROOM

CALL TO ORDER – Treasurer Myrtle Nyuha called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with **five (5) members present**. **A quorum was NOT established.** Note: This 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action. The community was asked to recite with the Board the pledge of allegiance led by Mitsuko Hayakawa. The Board members present introduced themselves and acting Chair Nyuha read the rules of speaking.

Board Members Present – Roger Clemente, Sol Ray Duncan, Mitsuko Hayakawa, Guy Inouye, Andrew Itsuno (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), and Myrtle Nyuha.

Board Members Absent – Kelsey Poaha, Larry Veray, Cruz Vina Jr., and Blake Yokotake.

Guests – Captain Keahi Ho (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Alexander Garcia and Sergeant Gary Montalbo Jr. (Honolulu Police Department); Gary Kurokawa (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Tricia Sakamoto (Councilmember Brandon Elefante's Office); Senator Clarence Nishihara; Sarah Brown (Representative Roy Takumi's Office); Chris Wong (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation); Vicky Bowie (Pearl City Library); Albert Fukushima (Manana Community Association); Alyssa Tenorio (Kiewit); Steve Blotzke (Benchmark Hawaii); Edward Dumlao (Board of Water Supply); Gau Kono; David and Marlan Nashiwa; Kathleen Yoda; Elayne I. Funakoshi; and Amanda Ehe (Neighborhood Commission Office).

### PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Keahi Ho reported the following:

- March 2016 Fire Statistics: There was 1 structure fire, 2 wildland/brush fires, 2 nuisance fires, 12 activated alarms, 135 medical emergencies, 10 motor vehicle collisions, and 2 mountain rescues, and 1 hazardous materials incident (HAZMAT).
- Fire Safety Tip: Wild land fires, also known as brush fires, can cause extensive damage in our communities. Remove flammable materials, such as dead vegetation and wood piles, from within 30 feet of your home.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Homeless: Hayakawa noted that a resident had mentioned that near Pacific Palisades, near The Children's House, there is a homeless encampment that may be a potential fire hazard.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – No representative was present; a report was provided later.

BOARD BUSINESS – Filling of one (1) vacant Board at-large seat. There were no volunteers and no nominations.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Recognition of Pearl City Highland Intermediate School Robotics Team. There were no team members present for recognition.

### GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) Gary Kurokawa reported the following:

- Bulky Items: Bulky item pickup for 1174 Waimano Home Road begins the third Wednesday of the month and usually is conducted over a three (3) to four (4) day period. To report a missed bulky item collection, please call the Refuse Division at 768-3200. A supervisor from the Pearl City Refuse Yard was dispatched to 1174 Waimano Home Road and noted that the bulky items had been collected. The supervisor also indicated that the property often places bulky items within the property boundary and City crews are not permitted to enter property to collect bulky items.
- Bus Route: There are no planned changes to route 53 at the present time. Public notices will be provided should the need for any detours or other changes in services occur.

- Ongoing Projects: There was ongoing construction of the Manana Neighborhood Park comfort station. The Pearl City Police Station will undergo a \$280,000 construction project for bullet proof glass. The Pearl City Wastewater Pump Station construction is ongoing from October 2015.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Status: Inouye inquired of the status for a right turn only light on Komo Mai Drive intersection with Waimano Home Road.
2. Lanes: Resident David Nashiwa requested defined lanes on Komo Mai Drive between Kaahumanu and Kaahele Streets. There are no defined lane markers and someone has painted blue dot dividers. Resident Elayne Funakoshi asked for lane changes at the intersection of Kaahumanu Street and Komo Mai Drive.
3. Bus: Funakoshi noted that bus routes from Pearl City to Ala Moana need to be improved on weekends and bus routes 53 and 54 run five (5) minutes apart and the schedule should be staggered.
4. Trees: Funakoshi noted that contractors need to prune trees better referencing damage caused by trees on Hooheke Street.

**At 7:15 p.m. Andrew Itsuno arrived; six (6) members were present and a quorum was established.**

Councilmember Brandon Elefante – Tricia Sakamoto distributed a report and referenced materials regarding details of the proposed Pearl Highlands Transit Station; Sakamoto was available for questions.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Fire Station: Funakoshi asked where the Pearl City Fire Station will be relocated; Sakamoto will follow up.
2. Rail: Nyuha noted the pertinent information provided in Councilmember Elefante's written report regarding the rail project.

Hearing no objections, Nyuha called on HPD to report next.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Alex Garcia reported the following:

- April 2016 Statistics: There were 13 motor vehicle thefts, 22 burglaries, 50 thefts, 24 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 6,486 total calls for service.
- Crime Safety Tip: When using your vehicle remote to lock your vehicle, double check to ensure the doors are secured before leaving. Always physically check doors before leaving.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Thefts: Hayakawa asked and Lieutenant Garcia responded that home thefts are mostly based on opportunity; no cars and no dogs present an opportunity. Nyuha recommended a neighborhood security watch and Lieutenant Garcia agreed noting that the community can visit HPD's community affairs division online to get started.

The agenda returned to order.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; a newsletter was provided.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – Senator Nishihara distributed a newsletter and explained that it is conference time at the Legislature and Tuesday, May 3, 2016 will be the final vote on all bills. Senator Nishihara highlighted House Bill (HB) 1907 and HB 2388.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Sunset Memorial: Nyuha asked and Senator Nishihara stated Sunset Memorial legislation was unsuccessful, but the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) is investigating the issue.
2. Mentally Ill: Funakoshi asked and Senator Nishihara responded that there are currently bills working for those who need help with mental issues in jail and addressing the lack of service providers.

Senator Breene Harimoto – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Representative Roy Takumi – Sarah Brown circulated a handout and reported the following:

- Session: The 2016 legislative session is scheduled to end on Thursday, May 5, 2016. The House and Senate are currently meeting in conference to work out the differences between bills.

- Education: There are bills that would provide more resources to charter schools, enable the Department of Education (DOE) to train people on how to restrain students who present a threat to the safety of other students, and to require incoming students to provide documentation of a physical examination.
- Community: There is a bill that is still alive that was introduced by area legislators that would increase the penalty for stealing a funeral urn to a Class C felony.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Urn Bill: Nyuha requested that more information on the urn bill be emailed to the Board.

Representative Gregg Takayama – No representative was present; a newsletter was provided.

Representative Sam Kong – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Eddie Dumlao reported the following:

- BWS Outreach: Dumlao reported that in February 2016 BWS shared their Xeriscape activities, in March 2016 BWS shared information on checking for leaks, and in April 2016 BWS warned of telephone scams.
- Main Breaks: Dumlao reported water main breaks on Thursday, February 18, 2016 and Wednesday, March 2, 2016.
- Red Hill: Dumlao stated he has no new information regarding the Red Hill water concern.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Water Meters: Inouye asked and Dumlao responded that digital water meters will only be installed when needed, noting the new meters are plastic and may not be as durable.
2. Minimal Charge: Inouye asked and Dumlao responded that there are monthly required minimum administration fees applied to water bills.
3. Blue Lines: Dumlao commented that BWS uses blue line markings on roads when working in area.

Pearl City Public Library – Vicky Bowie distributed handouts and reported the following:

- Lego Mania: The Lego Mania event will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Pearl City Public Library.
- Better Late than Never: American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is sponsoring Better Late than Never programs on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the Pearl City Public Library.
- Summer Reading Programs: Preregistration for the summer reading programs begins Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS – Manana Community Association (MCA) – Albert Fukushima shared that MCA held a successful Easter event and requested the Boards support for the Pearl City Park and Ride program.

PRESENTATIONS – HART – Kiewit Project Updates and Construction Impacts – Chris Wong and Alyssa Tenario circulated handouts and reported the following:

- Completion: Substantial completion of guide way construction on Kamehameha Highway is anticipated for fourth quarter of 2017.
- Overhead: There will be overhead guideway work on Kamehameha Highway and Puu Poni Street starting Wednesday, May 4, 2016.
- Balanced Cantilever: There will be balanced cantilever work on Puu Poni Street and Kuleana Road beginning mid-May 2016 and temporary height lane clearance on H1 Freeway between Kuleana Road and Kaahumanu Street beginning May 2016 for westbound lanes, and June 2016 for eastbound lanes.
- Column Work: There will be column work between Kuleana Road and Kaahumanu Street beginning Thursday, May 5, 2016.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Signage: Resident Kathleen Yoda commented that a HART message board near Moanalua in the Ewa bound direction is not easily visible to traffic.
2. Costs: Nashiwa asked who pays for the cost of a possibly damaged cantilever and wasted cement.
3. Structure: Fukushima commented that the rail forms at Farrington Highway, Kamehameha Highway, Waikele Road, and Acaia Road are depressed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – March 22, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – **Hayakawa moved and Inouye seconded for the approval of the March 22, 2016 regular board meeting minutes as amended. The minutes were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0-0 (AYE: Clemente, Duncan, Hayakawa, Inouye, Itsuno, and Nyuha; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).** The amendments were for the correct spelling of Jaci Agustin and Lynnete Mercado.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

NCO Letter of Notice Mr. Blake Yokotake missed three board meetings – Yokotake will remain a Board member; no action was taken.

NCO Letter of Notice Mr. Roger Clemente missed three board meetings – Clemente will remain a Board member; no action was taken.

#### REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Nyuha passed the gavel to Hayakawa and reported a remaining balance of \$79.17. The report was filed.

Meetings – Hayakawa reported attending a briefing at the Capitol hosted by the National Governors Association about the new education law, Every Student Succeeds Act, which gives the State the authority to decide on curriculum and testing. Nyuha reported attending the Conference of Chairs noting that she learned a lot and it would be good to do something similar at the community level. Nyuha reported that Veray went to various Neighborhood Board meetings regarding moped noise.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health, Education, and Welfare Committee (HEW) – Hayakawa reported that the HEW committee held a meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 and was a long meeting with many representatives from the State and City. There was a suggestion to create a safe zone in the district to assist those who are waiting to get into a shelter.

Traffic and Transportation – Inouye and Nyuha explained the need for the Board's support on two (2) Department of Transportation (DOT) issues.

Itsuno moved and Hayakawa seconded to support the DOT installation of a new commercial truck and motorcycle testing facility. The motion was tabled to the next meeting since there were some reservations that were unclear.

Inouye asked for a motion to support DOT restriction of parking on the corner of 4th Street and Lehua Avenue. No member was willing to make the motion so discussion on this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Nyuha shared that Chair Veray submitted testimony in support of HB 1753.

Department Planning and Zoning – Nyuha shared that there will be a Pearl City Highlands Train Station Public Education Engagement Plan and more information will be provided in May 2016.

Publicity and Community Relations – Nyuha shared the Board's desire to recognize a young man in the community who took time and donated materials and books to create a mini library at Waiau District Park.

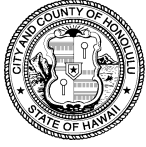
**Duncan made a motion and Itsuno seconded to recognize Bear Nagamine for his mini library at Waiau District Park at the next board meeting. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0-0, (AYE: Clemente, Duncan, Hayakawa, Inouye, Itsuno, and Nyuha; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Waiau District Park and the Board will recess in June 2016. The Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 meetings are broadcasted on Focus Channel 49 on the 2nd Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and 1st and 3rd Friday at 1:00 p.m. Meetings can be viewed online at: [http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=30](http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=30).

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by: Amanda Ehe, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Relley Araceley, Neighborhood Assistant  
Finalized by: Larry Veray, Mitsuko Hayakawa, and Myrtle Nyuha



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Andrew Itsuno  
Guy Inouye

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN AUTHORIZED TEMPORARY HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AT NEAL S. BLAISDELL PARK

**WHEREAS**, homelessness in Hawai'i has reached a state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the waiting list for Section 8 public housing is at least five years; and

**WHEREAS**, many homeless people must wait months or years to find shelter through housing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the community of Pearl City has seen a dramatic increase of the homeless in the district; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a large homeless encampment at Blaisdell Park and along the Pearl Harbor Bike Trail blocking access to other residents; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a safe area with adequate facilities for the homeless to live in dignity while they wait for shelter or affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, many homeless in Pearl City grew up in the area and would like to remain part of the community; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 supports a waiver for the establishment of a temporary government-run encampment at Neal S. Blaisdell Park; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the encampment be a safe zone for authorized camping provided with cooking and restroom facilities; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the encampment enforce a reasonable set of rules for participants for its general upkeep; and be it further

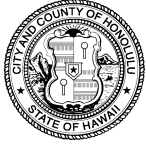
**RESOLVED** that the encampment incentivize participants with priority access to permanent affordable housing; and be it further

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i; members of the Hawaii State Legislature; all members of the City and County Council of Honolulu and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and all neighborhood board chairs.

**Adopted** by the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 at its regular board meeting May 24, 2016 by Board vote X-X-X.

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Larry S. Veray, Chair



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**RESOLUTION DEMANDING THAT, AS DIRECTED BY, THE EWA DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING CEASE ISSUING ALL FUTURE PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, TIME-SHARES, AND HOTELS IN LEEWARD AND CENTRAL O'AHU UNTIL (1) RUSH-HOUR TRAFFIC ON ALL SEGMENTS OF H1 FREEWAY CAN BE CERTIFIED TO BE AT LEVEL OF SERVICE D OR ABOVE OR (2) AN ALTERNATE ROADWAY BE CONSTRUCTED TO MITIGATE THE PREDICTED TRAFFIC EXPECTED BY YEAR 2020.**

**WHEREAS**, the Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board #34 finds that traffic congestion on the H-1 Freeway has become unbearable, with rush hour every morning, traffic stalled at the H-1/H-2 merge in Pearl City and backed up four and a half miles, and at least once a week, traffic is backed up seven miles to Makakilo Drive, or further, creating a three-hour drive to work in the city from the Leeward Coast; and traffic on H-2 is regularly backed up for a mile or more; and

**WHEREAS**, the official Inrix Report has repeatedly named H-1 traffic as the first, second, or third worst in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that there are 70,000 more housing units zoned in the Leeward and Central area, nearly double the number currently feeding the five lanes of freeway traffic. Most homes have a minimum of two vehicles per household where this could equate to 140,000 more vehicles on the road. And the City Department of Planning and Permitting states that more than half of all residents will work outside the area for the foreseeable future, and that, with an average of two workers per household, that is over 70,000 more people that will be working outside of the area, and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Transportation states that it is not physically possible to build more than just one additional lane on the freeway, which lane cannot carry more than 8,800 cars during the whole morning rush hour. And the Rail will not be complete for another three years, and when complete, can carry only 28,800 packed full. And this will leave more than 30,000 commuters without a way to the primary urban center during rush hour. And there is simply no possible solution to the problem of traffic for all of the homes that will be built; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic commute time increases exponentially. That is, only a small addition of cars radically affects the flow, as is seen when UH Manoa is in session. And commute time will double, and triple, and quadruple, and

**WHEREAS**, this will double and triple loss of time with family, loss of time watching kids in sports, loss of time seeing one's family grow up. It will steal time for exercise, time for participation in community, time for leisure. It will take a toll on personal health and performance at the workplace. And it will leave tens of thousands of latchkey kids of all ages alone and unsupervised for twice the number of hours every day. The costs to our society are staggering, and

**WHEREAS**, tens of thousands of individuals and businesses could face major losses in dollars if the daily commute expands. According to The Texas Transportation Institute model, today's two hours of delay in traffic cost individuals \$7,300 a year. This will double to \$14,600. Commercial vehicles delayed in today's traffic cost businesses \$38,500. This could double to \$77,000, enough to drive many out of business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ewa Development Plan contains an Adequate Facilities Requirement on page 5-2 which states: "Zoning and other development approvals for new developments should be approved only if the responsible City and State agencies indicate that adequate public facilities and utilities will be available *at the time of occupancy* or if conditions the functional agency indicates are necessary to assure adequacy are otherwise sufficiently addressed." Among the "adequate" facilities required before development approvals is "Provide adequate capacity for major peak-hour commuting to work in the Primary Urban Center." (page 4-11) In Hawaii, and across the nation, Level of Service D is recognized as adequate freeway capacity for rush hour freeway traffic, and

**WHEREAS**, the Pearl City Neighborhood Board #21 concurs with the Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board #34 who finds that the Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting is in direct non-compliance with the requirements of the 'Ewa Development Plan, which plan gives direction for the development of the area. And that this Resolution will protect will protect our citizens from further injury to their health, safety, and general welfare; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Pearl City Neighborhood Board #21 concurs with the aforementioned Board #34 findings and demands that the Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting comply with the 'Ewa Development Plan by ceasing to issue any future permits for Construction of Housing developments, Time-shares, and Hotels in Leeward and Central O'ahu within an Interim Development Control area (designated in the next paragraph) until (1) Rush-Hour Traffic on all segments of H-1 Freeway Can be Certified to be at Level of Service D or above, or an alternate roadway be constructed to mitigate the predicted traffic gridlock expected by year 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** an Interim Development Control IDC Area is designated as all that area of Central O'ahu north of or above the H-1/H-2 merge, and all of West O'ahu and the Leeward Coast on the western side of the H-1/H-2 merge, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** from the effective date of this meeting, April 27, 2016, until the date that all segments of H-1 freeway have been certified to be at Level of Service D for the entire rush hour period, no further zoning or other development approvals or permits should be issued within the Interim Development Control area, except as specifically permitted herein, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the ban on issuance of approvals or permits in the following instances:

1. Performance of work permitted under Section 18-3.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, to make an existing building or structure conform to or comply with applicable laws or regulations.
2. Performance of maintenance and repair to an existing structure or building.
3. Construction of a single-family dwelling, 'ohana dwelling, accessory dwelling unit, or two-family detached dwelling that is not part of a larger development.

Nothing contained in this ordinance is to be deemed to affect the granting, issuance and/or approval of building permits within an area not designated as within the interim development area, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution will be sent to the following: Governor David Ige, Senate President Ronald Kouchi, House Speaker Joe Souki, all State Senators and all State Representatives; State DOT Director, Ford Fuchigami, Mayor Kirk Caldwell, all City Council Members, DTS Chair Michael Formsby, DPP Chair George Atta, O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), OHA Executive Director Kamana'o pono Crabbe, and all Neighborhood Board members on the island of O'ahu.

**Adopted** by the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 at its regular board meeting May 24, 2016 by Board vote X-X-X.

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Larry S. Veray, Chair